



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

August 11 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

August 24 – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

August 28 – 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

AUGUST 4, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

AUGUST 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)

AUGUST 12, 7:00 PM, 6800 CONIFER CIRCLE

LAKE PARK SAGES

AUGUST 14, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

AUGUST 17, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

FALL YARD SALE

OCTOBER 3, 7:00 AM

LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 10, 10:00 AM, TOWN CENTER GAZEBO

LAKE PARK POOLS HOURS

MON. – SAT. 10 AM – 8 PM; SUN. NOON – 8 PM

NOTE: POOL MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. CALL (704) 882-VOLP FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Parking Ordinance Change

Since 2000, the Village Parking Ordinance has required that all vehicles in Lake Park must be either garaged, parked on the side of the road, or in a driveway as long as the vehicle does not overhang a sidewalk. Vehicle tires may not rest on the ground or turf between the road and the sidewalk. Parking is not permitted in the curved road area in a cul-de-sac. Restrictions applying to commercial and recreational vehicles and other parking situations are covered in the ordinance. Copies are available at the Village Clerk's office, or at www.lakeparknc.gov.

Although the sheriff deputies have frequently issued warnings to those illegally parked, violations have been on the increase, and the sheriff's office mandated that officers consistently issue citations to enforce local ordinances. When a ticket is written, a photo is taken of the vehicle in the illegal spot, and is on record at the Village office. Though many residents appreciate that action is being taken against illegal parking, some residents who have been ticketed since April have appealed to Village Council regarding their fines. Council has considered the ineffectiveness of warnings, the years the Ordinance has been in place, the reminders about Ordinances in the monthly *Villager*, the time that the Ordinances have been posted on the website and that copies have been made available at the Village Office since 2000.

In consideration of the economy and in respect of the pride and goodwill of Lake Park residents, Village Council passed an Amendment to the Parking Ordinance, at the regular public meeting, which is effective for any citations issued after July 14, 2009, and makes the fine \$10 (instead of \$50), with a non-payment penalty of \$40 if not paid within 15 days. The objective continues to be preventing illegal parking and making the penalty fair, especially for first time

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Pool Season Going Well

From all accounts heard by the Council, the pool season has been going very well. Many members and guests have been taking advantage of the pool to beat the heat this summer. If you would like to enjoy the Lake Park Pool, day-long passes can be purchased for \$7.50 per person.

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For Your Information

David Grant – 2009 Hometown Hero

The Village Council named David Grant as the 2009 Hometown Hero during the July 4th celebration. Mr. Grant serves as a forester for Union County. He has offered his knowledge on numerous occasions to the Village and has been an expert consultant for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Most recently he helped lead the Common Area Task force. This group conducted a detailed study of the common areas within the village and presented a plan for best managing these areas to preserve and improve the village's beauty for years to come.

Common Area Updates

Several residents have noticed the algae in a couple of the ponds within Lake Park. Often this development is a seasonal occurrence and will naturally subside. However, to ensure that we are taking care of the ponds in the best way possible, the Parks and Recreation Commission is meeting with pond specialists. In addition, the commission has contracted with a company who will tag trees which may need care in the future in order to prevent losing valuable trees in our parks.

violations. The new amendment also offers an option for residents who may be cited for a vehicle that is not their own. However, if the resident does not provide correct vehicle owner information for that vehicle, the resident remains responsible for the citation.

The new Amendment is also available upon request at the Village Clerk office Monday-Friday 9am - noon and at www.lakeparknc.gov.

All citations issued between 2000 and July 14, 2009 are subject to the original ordinance and the old fine. Citizens with an unpaid citation issued before July 15, 2009 are urged to make payments no later than July 30 to clear their record.

Healthy Household Habits

Promoting clean water habits

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Here are some healthy habits to keep in mind:

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into our ponds.
- Check your car and other vehicles for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbant material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations or auto parts stores. Do not dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and into local waterbodies.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent them from washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.